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DEFENCE FORCE RECRUITING STARTS ON MONDAY

HKVDC Has Last Gathering

REGISTRATION OF ALL CITIZENS

Recruiting for the new Hong Kong Defence Force will commence on Monday, February 14, at five centres, three in Hong Kong and two in Kowloon, but the Force will not formally come into being until March 1.

Simultaneously with recruiting for the Defence Force, there will be voluntary registration of all citizens, both men and women, for non-combatant duty, as an auxiliary of the HKDF.

This announcement was made by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, at a dinner held by the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps at the China Fleet Club yesterday evening. It was the Corps' last meeting before its disbandment at the end of the month.

Efficient Police Force

Extending a welcome to the Governor, who in Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps attended the dinner, which was presided over by the Commandant, Colonel L. T. Ride.

"Now we in Hong Kong are extremely fortunate in having a efficient Police Force in which I as Governor have the utmost confidence (Applause)."

"They can be relied upon to deal with any ordinary disturbance. But in the event of serious trouble, riots, and so on, they will need assistance. And first and foremost they will look to the HKDF for that assistance."

"As you know, there is to be a component of the Force called the Auxiliaries. One wing of that of that component is the Home Guard Wing. You can well imagine that the members of the Home Guard will be extremely valuable in guarding important strategic posts which will thereby relieve the regular police for other urgent duties."

"Then in the event of such trouble we have got to ensure that the essential services are kept working."

"In addition we shall need special constables. Whether we should have a special constabulary force or whether they should form part of the Essential Services Wing, has still to be worked out."

"The Auxiliaries of the Hong Kong Defence Force are a non-combatant part of the new force. If things get worse, and the police and the auxiliaries feel they cannot deal with the situation alone, then the combatant component of the HKDF will be called in to assist."

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In memory of those members of the Corps who died in the defence of Hong Kong, 24 went to the HKVDC, and more were expected. The Corps suffered the highest percentage of casualties. It lost nine officers and 200 other ranks, not including those who died in the prison camps.

"The HKVDC, I am sad to say, is now on its deathbed," said Colonel Mitchell, "but it will not be forgotten. Very soon we shall say 'the HKVDC is dead, long live the Hong Kong Regiment'."

"Let us hope that our traditions will be passed on to our successors, such as our motto, and our old colours which I hope will be re-presented."

In memory of those members of the Corps who died in the defence of Hong Kong, the gathering stood in silence for two minutes, after which a toast was drunk to the Corps.

Sir Alexander Grantham was greeted with loud cheers when he rose to address the Corps. He said:

End Of An Era

"This evening is rather like a New Year's Eve party at the end of a century, where we say goodbye to the old century—the Hong Kong Defence Force, because on Monday recruiting will start for the Defence Force."

"But although recruiting is going to start on Monday, the HKVDC and the HKVNC will remain in being until the end of the month, and the new Force will not formally come into being until the same date."

"The reason for that is the preliminaries of recruiting—setting up of forms, medical examinations, and so on, take a little bit of time. And when the existing Volunteer organisation is to be disbanded at the same time as the new Force comes into existence, we would have no Volunteer organisation at all, nor would we have anybody on the register for the Forces."

"Therefore, it is proposed that at the end of the month the existing Volunteer Ordinance should be rescinded and the new Defence Ordinance shall come into effect."

"There has been a great deal of correspondence in the papers recently as to what is to be done with the Hong Kong Defence Force. It is precisely what Colonel Mitchell has just described that the former Volunteer Corps of this Colony—dead and disbanded—will be joined with the new Internal Security Force."

"I hope that the majority of those who come forward will join the HKDF but there may be some who for one reason or another are unable or unwilling to do so at this juncture. What we ask them to do is to register, say what their qualifications are, and that they are prepared to assist should an emergency arise."

"On that register we want every loyal man and woman of this Colony to come forward, whether he is an engineer to assist at the power station or whether he is a man who is prepared to join the special constabulary instead of the HKDF, we want him to come forward and register his name."

"The recruiting organisation and the registration organisation will be one and the same. There will be five centres—Hong Kong Cricket Club, Club Lusitano, Club Recreio, and Kowloon Cricket Club. I should like to express my thanks and appreciation to those four clubs for being so public-spirited as to offer their services for this purpose. (Applause)."

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Along The Border

"You, gentlemen, I hope, will join the HKDF because you old singers will be the steel framework of the new force."

"As you know, the idea of an all-embracing defence force, that is the military side and the civil side in one organisation, comes from the fertile brain of our Commandant. (Applause)."

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Shanghai Peace Delegation Delayed

Shanghai, February 9.
Members of the peace delegation received instructions from the Communists by phone from Peiping today to delay their departure until 9 a.m. on Friday.

It was learned unofficially that the mission headed by Dr. W. W. Yen, which hoped to take off this morning, received word after bad weather had delayed their start.

"If that is still insufficient, then we shall have to seek the aid of the regular forces."

"The third role of the Defence Force is in war. I am not one of those who believe that war is around the corner. But it is a possibility, and we would be fools if we did not take it into consideration. The defence of the Colony in war falls primarily on the regular forces. But they will need the assistance of the Defence Force which is not only for security but also for combatant duties."

"With all these possibilities before us—internal disturbances, trouble on the border, and more remote war—we would not be fools if we did not take our measures now and make our plans accordingly."

"It is in the recollection of most of you that in 1923 the world was a great deal quieter than now. But still there was a general strike in which the HKVDC was used with great effect."

"Now the world is considerably more troublous than it was then. We are now in the plane of war, and we are going ahead with them."



PICTURE OF THE DAY
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NEW HOTEL RATES TO BECOME LAW Few Surprises

Adhering closely to the recommendations of the Hotel Rates Advisory Committee, an Hotels Ordinance to control rates for hotel accommodation and service had its first reading at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday.

The regulations in the Ordinance will apply to Hong Kong residents and to only 24 hotels in the Colony. Chinese hotels and boarding houses, catering essentially for Chinese guests, are to be excluded from control.

Tourists and transient guests are not protected in the new Ordinance.

Government has apparently also accepted the Committee's opinion that the Paramount and Cathay hotels should not be brought under control as "they are in the nature of luxury hotels, essentially catering for wealthy Chinese." The two hotels are not included in the list attached to the Ordinance.

Moving the first reading of the Ordinance yesterday, Mr. J. B. Griffin, Attorney-General, said that the Bill has a twofold objective. It seeks to provide ordinary legislation to enable measures to be imposed on hotels in respect of accommodation and charges by a way of legislation enacted by the Legislative Council rather than by perpetuation of the system of control by Defence Regulations.

The legislation, he added, will meet the desire which has been voiced in the Council that the law of the Colony should in time of peace only consist of the legislation of the Council, legislation by Defence or Emergency Regulations being avoided.

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According to the Regulations a "Hong Kong resident" is a person who has been declared in writing by the Quartering Authority to be one whom he believes is a resident of Hong Kong.

The declaration must be written on a prescribed form, which may be completed in advance of a person's arrival on the request of his employer or by his authorised agent.

"Maximum capacity" is defined in the Regulations as the maximum number of persons more than 10 years of age who may be accommodated in the respective type of room mentioned in the Second Schedule in the Regulations.

Mr. Griffin said that representations from several sources have been received by Government regarding certain of the recommendations of the Committee. They have been received during the last few days and are being studied.

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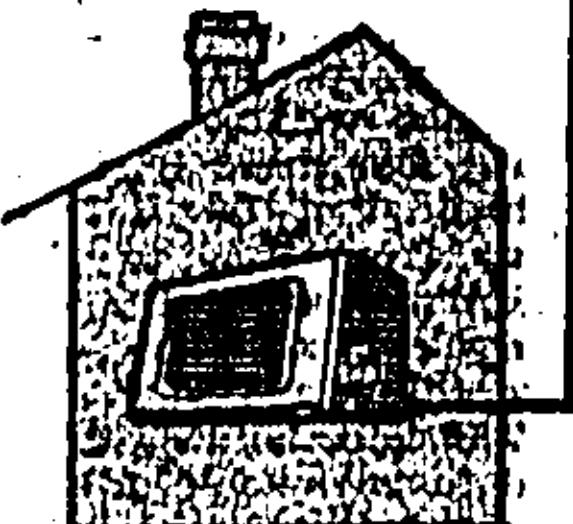
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The verdict in the long-drawn PWD larceny trial is expected tomorrow, following the address to the Jury by Mr. V. J. L. D'Alton, counsel for Spary, and the summing up of the case by Mr. Justice Heyndons.

Yesterday's hearing was occupied mostly by the closing address of Mr. Percy Chen, counsel for Kwok, during the course of which Mr. Chen asked whether it was the demeanour of the police to deprive a man such as Kwok Kwong of the opportunity of building up his own defence.

The trial involves Kwok Kwong, foreman, and Austin Spain, electrical inspector Grade II, both of the Public Works Department, who are charged with "stealing" or "larceny" by public servants, obtaining money by false pretences and conspiracy to defraud the Government.

Yesterday morning Crown Counsel, Mr. A. Hooton, resumed his address to the Jury. He concluded by stating that in his submission the police officers had done their duty properly and fairly, and had properly brought forward the case.

Immediately before this however, the defence had objected to certain of Mr. Hooton's remarks about the police force having been from time to time abused by the defence counsel.

Unique Case

Mr. Chen told the court that through the best possible relationship between himself and Crown Counsel, Mr. Johnston and Mr. Macpherson, that did not prevent all the evidence from being examined from every angle. Mr. Chen further admonished Mr. Hooton not to get so heated over the matter.

Mr. D'Alton rejoined that it was untrue to say that they had abused the police.

Opening his address to the Jury, Mr. Chen drew the attention of the court to a definition of possession which, he said, was enunciated by Crown Counsel and which went right to the root of the trial.

In the submission of the prosecution, he went on, the materials were in Government stores and the Crown exercised control over them and had the right of possession by virtue of their presence, and further, that the accused had no right to dispose of them.

"**A La Japonais**"

Counsel then asked whether he would ask the Crown at that juncture if he would discuss the case with the Jury, and whether it was the demeanour of the police to deprive a man of the opportunity of searching for documents. Instead, he said, Crown Counsel dared to say that they had not called any witness to corroborate his statement.

Mr. Chen further stated that he would ask the Crown at that juncture if he would discuss the case with the Jury, and whether it was the demeanour of the police to deprive a man of the opportunity of searching for documents. Instead, he said, Crown Counsel dared to say that they had not called any witness to corroborate his statement.

Mr. Chen continued: "Because on August 11, methods which may have been...subsequently used in other parts of the Empire, with dire results, were used by the police at Hung Hom." Counsel, continuing, said that the police surrounded the installation, incarcerating 200 men, "as Japs," and told them, "Sit down and don't say a word, come when you are called and say what you know, or else."

Referring to the other men in the workshop at the time of the police raid at Hung Hom, Mr. Chen stated that each man was called and questioned. He asked the Jury to infer that the men went through a checking and cross-checking, and that, in other words, a regular private trial was going on there.

With regard to Kwok's statement made in the dock, Counsel went on, Crown Counsel referred to it in his address as amazing in its brevity. That was a statement made in the calm of the courtroom, Mr. Chen said, and in an atmosphere where there was no fear.

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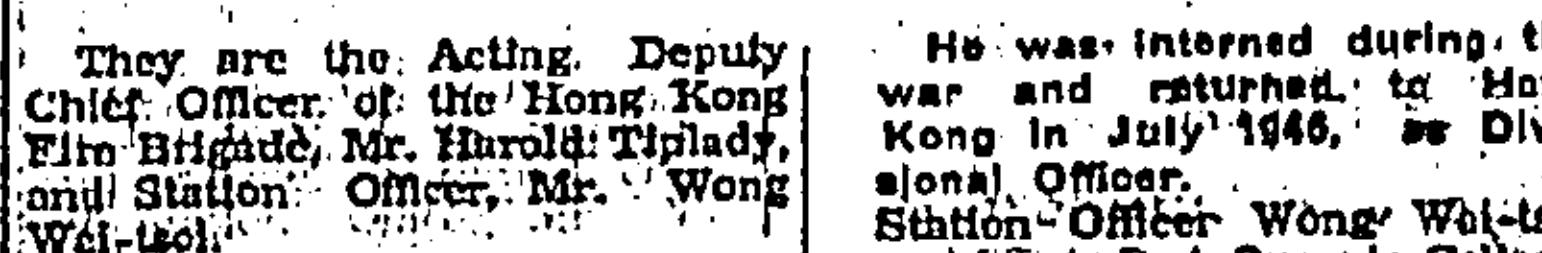
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FIREMEN DECORATED

Two local firemen have been awarded the King's Police and Fire Service Medal for "gallantry, courage and initiative" in the disastrous September 22 Wing On godown fire at West Point.



Acting Deputy Chief Officer H. Tiplay, who was yesterday awarded the King's Police and Fire Services medal. — "China Mail" photo.



Station Officer Wong Wei-tao, who received the King's Police and Fire Services medal. — "China Mail" photo.

They are the Acting Deputy Chief Officer of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade, Mr. Harold Tiplay, and Station Officer Mr. Wong Wei-tao.

Born in 1907, Mr. Tiplay joined the Darlington County Fire Brigade (in his home town) in 1920. Eight years later he was promoted to the Fire Brigade of London, Lancashire, where he served one year.

He served with the Middlesex Fire Brigade until he was appointed to Hong Kong in April 1941 as Divisional Officer.

He was away in South Africa or "leave" when Hong Kong was occupied by the Japanese in December 1941. Sent to Singapore, he served there until Singapore fell.

In the Wing On godown fire, he was responsible for saving 60 persons from roof tops.

RECEIVER SENTENCED

"It is people like you who keeps thieves going. If you people did not buy from them, there would be no incentive for them to steal," commented Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to Ng Fan, 43-year-old manager of the Far East Shoe Factory, at Kowloon yesterday.

Ng, who pleaded guilty to the charge of receiving a quantity of stolen leather, urged in mitigation that he had been in the business for 20 years and had never committed an offence.

He was sentenced to nine months' hard labour after Detective Sub-Inspector C. Pope had informed the court that defendant could have informed the owner, relative of his purchase when inquiries were made on the day following the burglary.

In the early hours of the morning of December 14 last, said DSI Pope, three persons broke into the ground floor of 43 Portland Street and made away with 150 lengths of leather valued at \$2,300.

One of the burglars went to defendant's address at 550 Shanghai Street, ground floor, on the following day, accompanied by a broker. After much bargaining, a certain amount of the leather was sold to him.

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Fire Hydrant Bursts

The bursting of a fire hydrant main on the third floor of Union Building just after lunch hour yesterday caused a minor fire in the building.

Due to the rush of water through the main entrance admission to the building through the front was not possible for some time.

Water poured down the lift shaft and the stairways.

People desiring to get to their office in a hurry had to use the iron fire escape in the rear of the building or brave the risks.

Braking on private hydrants is normally between 60 and 80 lbs, which is equivalent to those of the street hydrants.

The lifts in Union Building are maintained by Jardine, Matheson and Company, and until certified by their engineers will be out of commission.

Inspector Wong said that an Indian policeman on duty at the Dockyard saw Wong carrying a stick. On being questioned he said he was going to take it to the foundry. On hearing this, the policeman said, "You can't hit and carry a stick."

The Magistrate's Amendment Ordinance 1940 was cited. It was decided by the magistrate meeting.

The Attorney-General said that the Bill has had the subject a careful consideration and consultation. As it deals with matters of general interest and importance, it is not intended to move the further stages of the Bill at the earliest date. There is to give opportunity for further examination by the Council of the public.

Mr. H. C. Sheldon, K. C. and Mr. D. A. L. Wright instructed

Occupation Sale Action

An action for specific performance of an agreement for the sale of No. 48 Kennedy Road and a garage attached thereto, alleged to have been entered into during the Japanese Occupation, was heard before Sir Leslie Gibson (Chief Justice) at the Supreme Court yesterday.

The plaintiff is Liu Lan-fong, alias Liu Ah-lan, exécutive of the will of Koo Shiu-ting alias Koo Wan-sing, while the defendant is Hangkam Kwintang Woo, solicitor and partner in the firm of Woo and Woo.

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by Mr. E. S. C. Brooks of Hastings and Company represented the plaintiffs. The defendant, Mr. H. K. Woo, was represented by Mr. Leo Duncan, C. K. C. and Mr. B. A. Barnacell, instructed by Mr. H. K. Woo.

Mr. Sheldon said that the story started with Mr. Woo leaving Hong Kong on October 8, 1942. Before leaving he executed two Powers of Attorney on September 16, 1942, to Chan Un-chau, who was then employed with the firm of Woo and Woo. One of the Powers of Attorney was in England and the other in China.

LARCENY FROM POLICE

"Are you not scared of a police station? Personally, that would be the last place for 'choose myself,'" said Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr to Luk Slik-chau, 25-year-old married woman charged with attempted larceny and trespassing in a police station.

Sgt.-inspector G. E. Baker said that at 1.45 p.m. on February 8 he went to his quarters attached to the Kowloon City Police Station and found defendant in his room.

Defendant was unable to give a satisfactory explanation and was handed over to the CID. Mr. Baker found that a quantity of his clothing had been made into a tidy bundle and placed by the side of the wardrobe. One of his ties was taken from the wardrobe and placed on the bed.

Defendant told the court that she was a married woman, that her husband was working in a tailor's shop at Yau-tai, and that she has a daughter who is living with the father.

When defendant pleaded that she went to the police station to look for a friend, magistrate commented, "And, not finding the friend, you decided to hide up the inspector's clothes?"

She was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

Hawkers' Raid Sequel

During a hawkers' raid, a party of Health Department coolies, under Police-constable 1892 and HD Overseer Li Ting-sang, seized a quantity of vegetables which they piled up at Kilkung Street near Police Street to await transportation.

Young Fong, 25-year-old, unlicensed hawker, snatched some of the vegetables at the same time shouting to other hawkers to do likewise.

By the time transport arrived, all the vegetables had disappeared. The above facts were related by Sgt.-inspector J. H. Evans when Young was charged before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday with disorderly conduct. He was fined \$200 or six weeks' imprisonment.

Claimed Specific Performance

Mr. Sheldon said that as the defendant had wrongfully refused to convey the said premises to the plaintiff, the latter claimed specific performance of the agreement. The plaintiff also claimed for an order directing the defendant to execute a proper conveyance of the said premises to the plaintiff, further and other relief as well as costs.

The defence claimed that the alleged attorney, Chin Un-chau, and the defendant were divided by line of wife, whereby the said Powers of Attorney were cancelled and/or abandoned and the defendant was not bound by the agreement, indemnities, deeds or other documents signed by Chin Un-chau.

Mr. Sheldon said that the defendant was also raising the question of illegality and would further rely on the Trading with Enemy Ordinance and the regulations thereunder, as well as on the Defence Regulations.

The case will continue at 10 a.m. today.

Coming Events

TOMORROW. European YMCA Members' Coun-til-Industrial meeting, first floor lounge, 6 p.m.

Women's Section meeting, European YMCA, 10 a.m.

SATURDAY. Bank of East Asia annual general meeting, bank premises, 2.30 p.m.

Jumble Sale by Women's Auxiliary of Society for the Protection of Children, St. John's Cathedral Hall, noon to 4 p.m.

SUNDAY. Classical Concert, Toc H Club, Talbot House, 50, MacDonell Road, 3.30 p.m.

Art Club Sketching Party, members to assemble at Kowloon Star Ferry, 10.30 a.m.

MONDAY. Reminders

Talk on "Born in the Sun" by Mr. H. Rankine, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

British Council weekly show: "The Instruments of the Orchestra," Speaker, Rev. Fr. T. Ryan, Helens May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Talk on "Dogs and Dog Shows" by Mr. W. S. Hunt, Root Garden, HK Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Y's Men's Club, Ladies' Night, 7.30 p.m.

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TUESDAY. Reminders

Don't keep yourself

WAR DAMAGED SITES RECOMMENDATIONS

MYSTERY OF THE STOWAWAYS

The report of the War Damaged Sites Committee, its recommendations and a draft War Damaged Sites Ordinance, 1949, were among the papers laid on the table at yesterday's Legislative Council meeting.

The Ordinance has been drafted to facilitate the clearance of war damaged sites, to provide for the recovery of the cost thereof, and for the sale of sites where required.

The object of the Ordinance is to provide some standard procedure to carry out site clearance and to shorten the period which must elapse before a power of sale can be exercised in the case of an owner who is unwilling or unable himself to effect the desired improvement.

The Bill provides that a mortgagor in possession or other persons who are in the possession of the lessor, although they hold no lease, shall be deemed to be the owners. The definition of war damage is widely drawn to include damage not the direct result of hostilities.

When a site has been declared a "war damaged site," the Director of Public Works may require the owner to state on a prescribed form what he intends to do with regard to site clearance.

If site clearance is not carried out within six weeks, and none of the other alternative courses provided for is accepted by the owner, the Director may, under clause 4 of the proposed Ordinance, enter upon the site and carry out the work.

Certificate Of Cost

Clause 5 of the draft Ordinance provides for a certificate of the cost of site clearance and for a supervision charge to be included which will, it is hoped, both recoup the Public Works Department for the employment of staff necessary to exercise supervision, and encourage owners from automatically leaving all responsibility with the Department.

It is provided that this certificate can be registered as a charge against the land, and that a sale for value of the property may be refused registration by the Land Officer unless satisfactory provision is made for paying off the charge. It is provided that an owner shall only be liable for such a charge up to the value of his land, and it is not therefore envisaged that recovery of these sums should normally be effected by action in the Courts.

Under the proviso to clause 5 amounts received from the sale of usable material removed from the site will be allowed as a reduction from the cost of clearance.

Clause 6 provides that the Director may require an owner to state his intentions with regard to compliance with his covenants to maintain and repair, and if no satisfactory arrangement is reached then the Crown will re-enter in the lease after which event a notification can be published in the Gazette of the intention to sell by public auction.

It is provided that on the expiration of 3 months from the publication of such Gazette notice a sale of the property by public auction may take place.

Appeal Provided

Upon such sale the purchaser could be required to enter into a covenant to develop the property. The Crown will be responsible to refund to the owner the price received at public auction less charges and expenses properly incurred.

Under the Crown Rights (Re-entry) Ordinance, 1970, a petition for relief against re-entry may be presented by a lessor, either to the Court or the Governor-Council.

It is considered desirable that express power should be given to order a sale by auction. In such event the realised price, less charges and expenses, will be refunded to the owner.

Clauses 9 and 10 are provisions for appeal to the Governor-Council available for any person who considers his is a case of hardship or that a discretion under the Ordinance has been unfairly or unwisely exercised, and follow precedents to be found in the Buildings Ordinance, 1935, and other standard forms.

Clause 12 provides a moderate penalty for interference with or obstruction of the Director's agents effecting site clearance and clause 14 is a saving clause widely drawn to obviate the Ordinance ruling out contractual or other rights or remedies already available to the Crown or private persons.

Recommendations Of Committee

The proposed Ordinance complies with and is in furtherance of the recommendations of the War Damaged Sites Committee, in consultation with which the Ordinance was drafted.

Further recommendations of the Committee are that Crown Lessees should now be called on to carry out their covenants to maintain and repair. In view of the fact that acceptance of rent where there is no knowledge of the Crown's authority to do so is liable to have such effect to the detriment of the lessor, the instructions contained in the instructions General direction to accept rent in such cases to be confirmed.

POSED AS POLICEMAN

How an ex-policeman, posing as a policeman, demanded HK\$50 and obtained a wrist watch as a bribe from an opium divan keeper was described at Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr's Court at Kowloon yesterday.

Fung Ngok, ex-PC 1625 and Cheung On, were charged with demanding money with menace and threats. Cheng was also charged with taking and abetting

Fung, Detective Sub-Inspector W. J. Wall conducted the prosecution.

A little after midnight on January 14, the accused, stated Cheng, the second accused, went to the opium divan in the cocktail of 8, Hamilton Street, ground floor, to have a pipe. He left after a smoke.

Soon after, Cheng returned.

While the keeper, Chung Ho, was preparing the pipe, there was knock at the door. When asked who it was, the voice on the other side of the door said that he was looking for a man Chan Pui, who was at that time one of the inmates of the cocktail.

The keeper opened the door to a man dressed in European clothes. Once inside the premises, the stranger asked who was the keeper of the divan and caught hold of Chung by his jacket, threatening him with arrest.

Cheng, the second accused, said that the man wanted money and the keeper had better fix things up with him. Chung asked the stranger how much he wanted and was told HK\$50.

As none of the men present had any money, a wrist watch belonging to a man named Yuen Sing was handed over to the stranger as a token, with the promise that the sum would be paid the next day.

The stranger suggested that Cheng keep the watch and be responsible for the collection of the HK\$50, but Cheng refused.

That same day, the keeper reported the matter to the police.

Fung denied all the charges and claimed it was a frame-up just as his dismissal from the police force in August last.

His co-defendant, Cheng, admitted that he was present when Fung made the demand and received the watch but said that when the watch was pawned that day, Fung pocketed all the money.

Sentences of one year and six months, respectively, were passed on the two defendants.

INQUEST ON FARMER

A verdict of "death by misadventure" was returned by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday at the conclusion of an inquiry into the death of Chan Sui-kun, 30-year-old farmer of Tung I Island, whose mutilated body was found on the railway tracks on the afternoon of October 3 last.

The coroner added the finding that the death was due to hemorrhage and shock following multiple injuries. In all probability deceased fell off the KCR afternoon express train. It may have been that he was travelling in some unauthorized way, but in any event it is practically certain that he did fall down in the region of the whole of the train, was dragged some distance, and finally was practically cut in half by the wheel of the train passing over the lower part of his body.

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No Opium Smoker

A well-dressed Chinese woman was among 14 persons arrested in a raid on an opium den in an unnumbered hut in Tai Yuen Street by the Narcotic Squad of Eastern Division on Tuesday night.

Brought before Mr. F. K. d'Almeida yesterday, the keeper pleaded guilty. The keeper was Shing Sun, and his 12 patrons given six months and the rest a fine of \$125 or 10 days.

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(By Our Harbour Reporter)
The report that four stowaways, claiming to be Chinese newspapermen bound for Dandong to open a news agency there, were discovered aboard the ss San Antonio and landed at Yuen Shan, North Korea, was met with firm rebuttal yesterday.

"I do not know anything about it," said Mr. J. J. Johnson, the master of the Panamanian steamer, on his arrival here from the North.

An official of the Tung Wei Development Company, who was one of the 12 passengers

travelling with the vessel on her maiden trip to North Korean waters, replied to inquiries: "I am sorry, I cannot say anything about it. He denied there were any stowaways aboard the San Antonio en route to Korea.

One day after leaving Hong Kong on December 7, last year four Chinese not on the passenger list were discovered aboard, a senior member of the vessel's Compradore Department said yesterday, quoting from a diary.

The San Antonio originally left the Colony on December 5 with 700 tons of cargo, including penicillin, three speed cars, three trucks, a jeep and two weapon carriers. Near Swatow, her Norwegian chief engineer lost his life when his cabin caught fire. The ship returned to port and left again after the funeral of Mr. W. Tollesund at the Colonial Cemetery.

"We reached Bungam first and had to wait for three days before

we arrived in Korea to an Army official

and civilian representatives of the North Korean Government Purchasing Agency boarded our ship yesterday.

Mr. Jean Joseph Pennavary, merchant, 38 Mody Road, and Miss Odette Georges Valladon, witnesses were Mr. Fleury, Cheng and Mr. Blau. Mr. Robert Bryle, Chinese Maritime Customs, 60 Avenue Republica, Macao, and Mrs. Alia Nicolson, 22, Rue Paul Henry, Shanghai.

Witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. Close.

The forthcoming wedding has been announced of Sub-Inspector Basil William, Diana Elizabeth Rosemarie Grant, stenographer, Police Headquarters.

Among the passengers who arrived here from Shanghai and Keelung by the ss Shengking were Messrs. R. Zindel, P. R. E. Arn, C. D. Komarov, Mrs. Komarov, G. Hütchison, Paul De Schubert, Mr. S. Drake, and Mrs. Drake, Mrs. E. Fedoreff, Mrs. A. Nicolson, Mr. F. Bertschinger, Mr. R. M. Gordon, Capt. K. J. Hansen, Mr. F. D. Scheltheis, Mrs. D. Barten, and Mr. H. N. Pederson.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. R. Bedford, Mrs. T. K. Tracy, Messrs. R. Alme, W. Gamby, L. Bush, M. S. Pollin, F. G. Bishop, R. E. Bristow, T. Ishida, P. J. C. Hyen, and T. Stobbs.

At both ports, none of the ship's personnel was allowed to land, the senior official stated.

"We could not talk too much with the labourers who came aboard to work. A labourer would first assure himself that he would not be observed by strange eyes before he would speak to any of our men," he said.

They gave us 200 tons of opium, 50 tons of ammonium chloride and a quantity of salt fish,"

From that port, the San Antonio returned to Yuen Shan to pick up the company's official who landed there on the first visit.

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The enterprise was estimated to amount to about HK\$1,000,000, inclusive of all expenses. "What we have brought down, however, would not at current conditions fetch more than HK\$100,000."

"We should have taken down soya beans, bristles and vermicilli which are in great demand here," he concluded.

The San Antonio, according to her local agents, is due to leave for the Straits some time this week.

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Bangkok, February 6.

Tanayi Hui Guyson, leader of the Muslim irredentist movement in South Siam, has surrendered to the Siamese authorities. It was officially announced today. He had been in Thailand, Mala, for the last few months, the announcement added.

By name Teal Kwan-sun, this 40-year-old man had four previous convictions for piracy registered against him before he was brought to Court on the same charge, said Inspector J. Oren.

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Notice is hereby given that
the Forty-seventh Ordinary
Yearly Meeting of the Members
of the Company will be held at
the Office of Messrs Jardine,
Matheson & Co. Ltd., Pedder
Street, Hong Kong, on Monday,
the 28th day of February, 1949,
at Noon, to transact the follow-
ing business:—

- To receive and consider
the Report of the Directors
and the Statement of
Accounts for the year
ended 31st December,
1948.
- To sanction a Dividend in
respect of the year 1948.
- To elect two Directors.
- To appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER
BOOKS.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books and Register of
Members will be closed from
the 14th February, 1949, to the
28th February, 1949, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the
Board of Directors.
G. B. S. THOMSON,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, February 1, 1949.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's
name.

We, Indian General Navigation
& Rly. Co., Ltd., of 4, Fairlie
Place, Calcutta 1, hereby give
notice that in consequence of
change of ownership, we have
applied to the Minister of
Transport, under Section 47 of
the Merchant Shipping Act,
1884, in respect of the steamship
"WA HING" of Hong Kong
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N. GARLAND,
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Hong Kong, Feb. 9, 1949.

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Cutlery, Typewriters, Electric
Hot Plate, Carpet Runners,
Mirrors, and Blackwood Furni-
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By Order of the Board
of Directors,

R. TAYLOR,
Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, Feb. 5, 1949.

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North. Know that his opponents
were completely familiar with
his trick of bidding a suit whose
lead he desired to prevent. So,
when he called the clubs, they
promptly showed him up by
means of the double from East,
the bidding of the suit then by
West and the eventual support-
ing of it by East to small slam.
When North, who by now had
supported diamonds to a game,
went all the way to small slam,
he avoured in the South?

(Dealer) North. North-South
vulnerable.

North bids 1-Club and East
1-Diamond, what bid would you

avour in the South?

Tomorrow's Problem

S A Q 6

H 10 7 4 3

D Q

S 10 8 5 3

N 9 8 2

W. E

S 10 7 6

C J 7 4 3

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S K 7 4

H A Q 9 2

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C 10

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vulnerable.

North bids 1-Club and East
1-D

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I was dumbfounded. What were we to think of the great French Army and its highest chiefs? It had never occurred to me that any commanders having to defend 600 miles of engaged front would have left themselves unprovided with a mass of manoeuvre. No one can defend with certainty a wide front, but when the enemy has committed himself to a major thrust which breaks the line one can never be sure, one must always have a mass of divisions which marches up to a vehement counter-attack at the moment when the first fury of the offensive has spent its force.

What was the Maginot Line for? It should have economised troops upon a large sector of the frontier, not only offering many sallyports for local counter-strokes, but also enabling large forces to be held in reserve; and this is the only way these things can be done. But now there was no reserve. I admit this was one of the greatest surprises I have had in my life. Why had I not known more about it, even though I had been so busy at the Admiralty? Why had the British Government, and the War Office above all, not known more about it? It was no excuse that the French High Command would not impart their dispositions to us or to Lord Gort except in vague outline. We had a right to know. We ought to have insisted. Both armies were fighting in the line together.

Presently General Gamelin seemed to say, and all this was quite sound. I was conscious, however, that it carried no conviction in this small but hitherto influential and responsible company.

Presently I asked General Gamelin what and where he proposed to attack the flanks of the Bulge. His reply was: "Inferiority of numbers; inferiority of equipment; inferiority of method"—and then a hopeless

authority to move four more squadrons of fighters to France. On our return to the Embassy and also talking it over with Dill, I decided to risk selection for the Dispatch of six squadrons. This would leave us with only the 21 fighters at home, and that was the final limit. It was a rendering necessary either way.

I told General Ismay to telephone to London that the Cabinet should assemble at once to consider an urgent telegram which would be sent over in the course of the next hour or so. What did this in Hindostan, having previously arranged for an Indian Army to be on the stand-by by 11 a.m. This was my telegram:

9 p.m. May 16, 1940.

I shall be glad if the Cabinet could meet immediately to consider following situation grave in the last degree. French German thrust through Sedan—French Armies ill-

grouped, many in North; others in Alsace. At least four days required to bring 20 divisions to cover Paris and strike at the flanks of the Bulge, which is now 50 kilometres wide. Three German armoured divi-

sions along with two or three infantry divisions have advanced through gap and large masses hurrying forward behind them. Two great dangers therefore threaten. First that BEF will be largely left in the air in taking no action to make a difficult disengagement and retreat to the old line. Secondly that the German thrust will wear down the French resis-

tance before it can be fully gathered.

Orders given to defend Paris at all costs; but archives of the Quai d'Orsay already burning in the garden. I consider the

next two, three or four days decisive for Paris, and probably for the French Army. Therefore the question we must face is whether we can give further aid in fighters above four squadrons, for

which the French are very grateful, and whether a large part of our long-range heavy bombers should be employed to-morrow, and the following

nights upon the German masses crossing the Meuse and flowing into the Bulge. Even so results cannot be guaranteed; but the French resistance may be broken up as rapidly as that of Poland unless this battle of the Bulge is won.

I personally feel that we should send squadrons of fighters demurred (i.e. six more), to-morrow, and concentrating all available French and British aviation, dominate the air above the Bulge for the next two or three days, not for any local purpose. But to give the last chance to the French Army to fully its strength. It would not be good

historically if their requests were denied and little result resulted. Also night bombardment by a strong force of heavy bombers can no doubt be arranged.

It looks as if the enemy was by now fully extended both in the air and tanks. We must not underestimate the increasing difficulties of his advance. If strongly counter-attacked, I imagine that if all fails, here we could still shift what is left of our air striking force to assist BEF should it be forced to withdraw.

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Good Morning!

Then there was the ingenuous building contractor who suddenly remembered his old school and organised a trip to the beach for all the kiddies, living each a nice, big bucket.

The move to restore the language of Shakespeare to the infected tongue of Britain's youth will be regarded by Hollywood as Rank propaganda.

No, Dumb Dora, a totalitarian is not the chief executive of a Communist country.

If HCL continues to be increased price control will have to be abolished. Otherwise the Colony's workers will become solvent before we know it.

Me and Miss Smith went to say goodbye to all their friends and thank one and all for their kindness on leaving for South Africa. — Advt. Alone at last.

According to a trade journal there has been no change in men's suits for twenty years. This applies particularly to the pockets.

Lord Douglas described in the House of Lords that the forces in Hong Kong are insufficient for its defence. Never mind. Even if we can't look after ourselves, we can at least make sure that political refugees are safe.

Two hundred electrical experts waited while a hotel electrician fixed their conference room lighting. Something like the frustration felt by an atomic scientist with an empty cigarette lighter.

"The aim of the Colonial Office," says a contemporary, "is to endure Malayan prosperity." Perhaps they could put up with a little here too.

Seems it should have been called the "Get Their Gold" Yuan.

The "Iron Curtain" thus puts paid

To playmates of the Board Like Sidney Stanley, subtle soul, whose polish makes him now a Pole.

A map showing the frontages of Allied Forces on successive days 13-17 May 1940. It shows the positions of German advances (13-17 May) and the positions of French, Belgian, British, and BEF forces. Cities like Calais, Boulogne, Lille, Valenciennes, Arras, Cambrai, St. Omer, Valenciennes, Mons, Charleroi, Namur, Dinant, Soissons, Laon, and Reuil are marked. The map also shows the Meuse and Sambre rivers. A scale bar indicates distances in miles (0 to 50) and kilometers (0 to 80).

GERMAN ADVANCES on successive days 13-17 May 1940

dejection was written on every face. In front of Gamelin, on a student's easel was a map; about two yards square, with a black ink line purporting to show the Allied front. In this line there was drawn a small but sinister bulge at Sedan.

The Commander-in-Chief briefly explained what had happened. North and South of Sedan, on a front of 50 or 60 miles, the Germans had broken through. The French Army in front of them was destroyed or scattered. A heavy crush of armoured vehicles was advancing with unheard-of speed towards Arras and Arros, with the intention, apparently, of reaching the coast at Abbeville or the sea. Alternatively they might make for Paris. Behind the armour, he said, eight to 10 German divisions, all motorised, were driving onwards, making tanks for themselves as they advanced, hastening the two disconnected French armies on either side.

The General talked perhaps five minutes without saying a word. When he stopped there was a considerable silence. I then asked: "Where is the strategic reserve?" and, breaking into French, which I used indifferently (in every sense): "Où est la masse de marche?" General Gamelin said to me, and with a shake of the head and a shrug said: "Aucune."

There was another long pause. Out of the garden of the Quai d'Orsay clouds of smoke rose from large bonfires, and I arose from the window, venerable official pushing wheelbarrow of archives, on to the terrace. Already, therefore, the evacuation of Paris was being prepared.

Past experience carried with it advantages and drawbacks that things never happen the same way again. Otherwise I suppose life would be too easy. After all, we had often beaten front broken before us, we had been able to pull them together and wrench them round. But of the assault, our front had been broken by sheer force, and the two new factors had been unexpected: the overwhelming power of the armoured vehicles, and the secondly NO STRATEGIC RE-

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SITUATION IN EUROPE VASTLY ENCOURAGING, SAYS DEAN ACHESON

AFRICAN SELLING OF GOLD

London, February 8. South Africa's sale of 100,000 ounces of gold in eight weeks will not saturate the free market for gold. It is believed

that a similar quantity has often been transacted from South Africa to the East in a single month.

Previous ideas of best obtainable price in dollars were about \$41 in South America and \$40 to China but far higher in the interior of China.

Twenty-two carat sheets, ranking as manufactured gold, are not formally under the International Monetary Fund's ban on gold bullion dealings.

Nevertheless, London and presumably South Africa are interestingly awaiting the Fund's reaction.

A few months ago, the Bank of England, at the Fund's instance, severely restricted London's previously big export community of Europe has not only held its own but it has during this period made great strides forward.

Within the participating countries there has been a rebirth of faith in the vitality of the democratic system and its ability to deal with post-war problems.

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BRITAIN TO TAKE LEAD IN APPROACH TO REDS

London, February 8. Britain, the United States and France have been in contact regarding their attitude towards any Chinese Government which may be formed by the Communists.

The three powers agreed to co-ordinate their policies with Britain taking the initiative in opening any Western relations with such a regime.

The British Cabinet has already discussed the problem of opening relations with the Chinese Communists.

Mr. Acheson claimed that in

every recent important election the people of Europe have vigorously reaffirmed their adherence to the principles of individual freedom and government based on constitutional restraints.

Detailing the definite advances made in Europe in the field of collective security, Mr. Acheson described the Brussels Pact as a striking manifestation of its resolve of the signatory countries to defend their independence and freedom against external aggression.

This pact was warmly welcomed by this country as an important contribution to recovery and a heartening indication of returning strength and confidence to Western Europe.

"In both these purposes we are deeply interested."

The Secretary of State urged

patients on those who want rapid

"Progress towards political
association will, if necessary,
take time," he said.

Closer Union

Mr. Acheson claimed that there have, however, been significant steps towards the eventual development of a closer political union.

In this connection, he gave as instance the work of the Organisation for European Economic Co-operation and the creation of a Council of Europe as well as the Brussels Pact.

"Our role must be to encourage and support these efforts. The worst of all courses would be to relax our efforts and allow the momentum of achievement to diminish."

Mr. Acheson's optimistic statement was backed up by Mr. W. Averell Harriman, roving Ambassador to the Marshall Plan countries, who said: "We are winning this struggle for freedom and peace."

Mr. Harriman added that the success of the Marshall Plan in Western Europe is beginning to exert pressure on the Iron Curtain countries, as can be seen by Yugoslavia's break with Moscow.

In spite of the tragic events in Hungary today, the spread of tyranny has been arrested. What is needed above all else is continuity of policy, of a resolute and confident America."

Reuter and United Press.

Stampede In Shanghai

Shanghai, February 9.

Two small girls, aged six and eight, were killed in a stampede in front of the Whangpoo police station in the former French Concession yesterday as a result of a riot stirred by some 3,000 Manchurian refugees who were trying to collect "relief" funds at the station.

The refugees comprised disabled army officers, and men, women, employees, travellers and civilians who had travelled to Shanghai following the Communist occupation of Mukden and other cities in Manchuria last year.

Yesterday's troubles started when some 100 former soldiers, tired of being kept waiting a considerable time, forced their way into the office of Captain Fung Wen-ya, the officer-in-charge, and smashed furniture. Reuter.

Free Cars For Ex-Servicemen

London, February 8.

The Minister of Pensions, Mr. H. A. Marquand, was asked in the House of Commons today for details of plans to provide free motor-cars for certain disabled ex-Servicemen and women.

He stated that plans have been made to supply 1,000 small cars. Certain adaptations of standard models have been arranged to meet the needs of disabled persons.

So far, 23 cars have been delivered. Fifty cars are to be available for blind pensioners.

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London, February 8. British first Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited, is to mint Israel's first coins—the shekel about 100 B.C.

The new coinage designs will be based on the ancient

RUSSIA PRODUCES ARMS REDUCTION SCHEME AT UN

Lake Success, February 8. The Soviet Union today presented to the Security Council new disarmament proposals dealing with atomic weapons and conventional armaments.

The Soviet Union asked the Council, as a practical measure, to instruct the Disarmament Commission to work out a plan of reduction in armaments and armed forces by one third in Britain, France, the United States, Russia and China, the reduction to be completed by March 1, 1950.

This plan itself should be ready

almost everything we have had

by June 1 this year.

The resolution says: "The Security Council notes the creation in recent times of a number of groupings of States headed by the progressive circles of certain governments which wish to impose their policy on other countries, creating to that end armed naval bases in all parts of the globe which are not justified by the defence needs of those countries."

Other proposals:

1. To instruct the Atomic Energy Commission to submit not later than June 1, 1949, a draft convention for the prohibition of atomic weapons and the control of atomic energy these conventions to enter into force simultaneously.

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2. To set up within the framework of the Security Council an international organisation for the control of disarmament and atomic weapons.

3. To instruct the five permanent members of the Council to provide, not later than March 31, 1949, data on all kinds of forces, including atomic weapons.

4. Further 140 applications have been approved to take effect in the forthcoming months.

Replies to a supplementary question, Mr. Stewart said these figures are bound to cause concern but they should not be linked entirely with pay. The rules governing permission to resign or retire had been relaxed recently, and, in the years following the war, it is to be expected that these figures would go up.

A Conservative Member asked if the greater proportion of the officials who had resigned are married and that the percentage is so high because the local overseas allowance is so unfair to them.

Mr. Stewart could not accept that reason. There are several causes and one of the chief causes is the difficulty of married quarters. Reuter.

JET BOMBER'S AMAZING FEAT

Washington, February 8. A six-jet Boeing bomber today established a trans-Continental speed record when it flew from Moses Lake, Washington, to Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland, in three hours 46 minutes.

The plane, weighing 60 tons, averaged 607.2 miles per hour for the 2,280-mile flight. A stratojet can carry 10 tons of bombs. The plane left Moses Lake at 10:22 a.m. EST and arrived at Andrews Field at approximately 2:08 p.m. EST on what is described as a routine mission. United Press.

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New Tube Extension

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One of the outstanding features of the modern stations along this line is the "daylight" illumination provided by fluorescent lamps in fittings specially designed to the specification of the London Transport Executive. Combining with the superb construction of each main station—speedy escalators, excellent ventilation, attractive appearance and spaciousness—the new lighting system helps to demonstrate to United Kingdom and overseas visitors alike the engineering skill which has gone into this outstanding post-war development.

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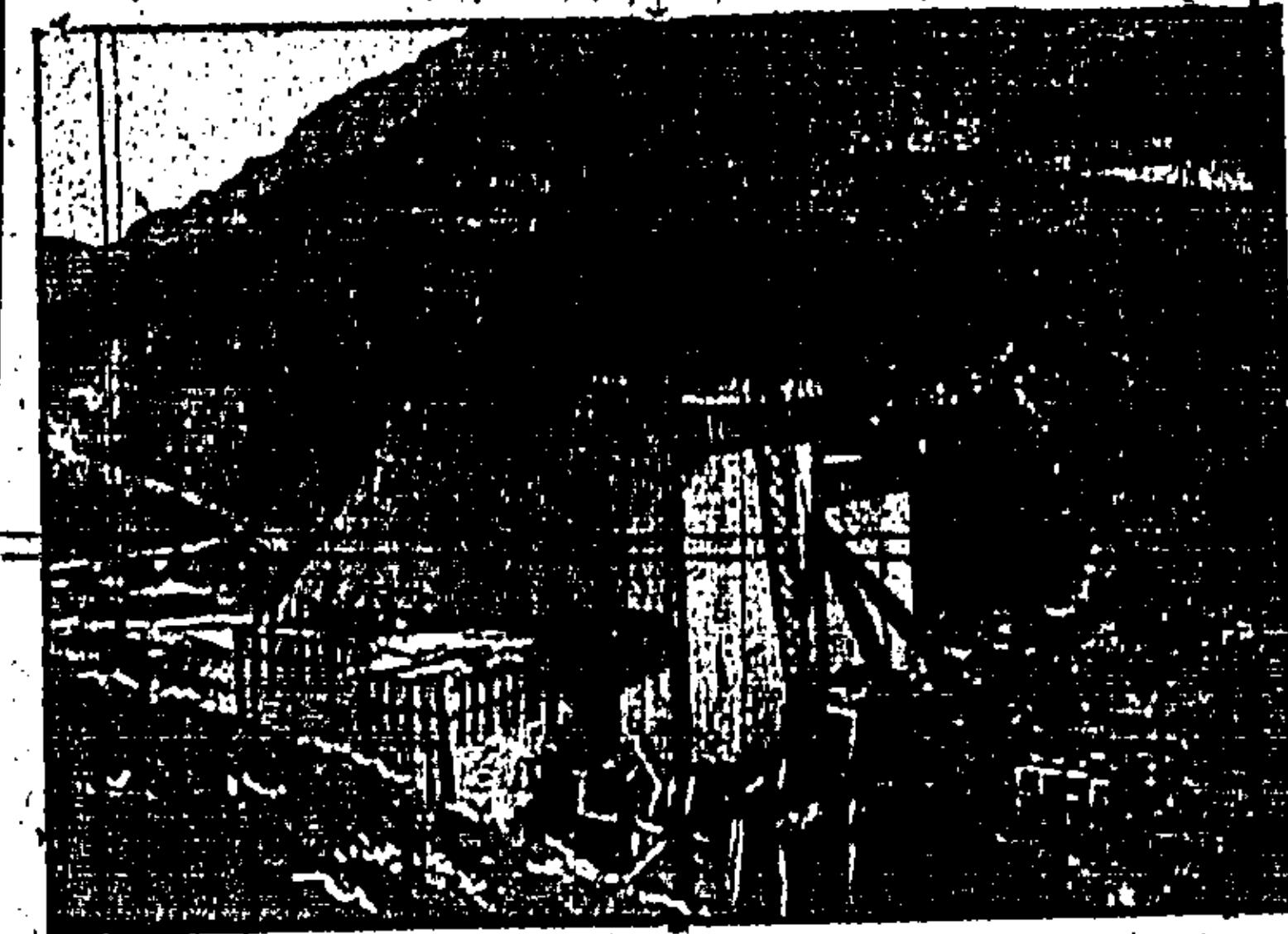
ENGINEERING EXHIBITION

The British Engineers' Association of 32 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, are holding an Engineering and Marine Exhibition at Olympia, from August 25 to September 10 this year.

Since 1924 when that Association was responsible for the Palace of Mechanical Engineering at the Wembley Exhibition, the British Engineers' Association has sponsored a biennial Engineering and Marine Exhibition.

Just as, during last year, the specialised Machine Tool and Engineering Exhibition organised by their Member-Association, the Machine Tool Trades Association was hailed as an outstanding success, so their own exhibition of wider interest goes on each alternate year from strength to strength. For the EXHIBITION of 1949, the whole of the three Halls at Olympia, London, have been hired.

BRITAIN INCREASES HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER



As part of British Industry's vast programme of capital expansion, the North of Scotland Hydro-Electricity Board is doing everything in its power to complete the work now... progress on 12 of the 19 projects for which authority has been obtained. In Scotland 1,500,000,000 kw/hrs of electricity are already being generated annually, and it has been estimated that the water-power potential is 6,274,000,000 kw/hrs annually. Picture shows the growing dam of the Loch Sloy scheme in the mountains West of Loch Lomond. About 200,000 cubic yards of concrete will complete the dam, 1,200 feet long and 180 feet high, which will hold back 1,200 million cubic feet of water to power the four hydro-generators which will supply 130,000 kws. of electricity to the grid.

NEW ALLOY FOR MAGNETS

A new permanent magnet alloy has been developed due to the work of the British Permanent Magnet Association, in collaboration with the British Electrical and Allied Industries Research Association. The property in which the new magnet shows improvement is that of "coercivity" or resistance to demagnetization, and its chief application should be in electric motors and small generators. The new magnet alloy is a combination of iron, aluminium, nickel and cobalt. It also contains a rare element Niobium, a metal which occurs associated with tantalum in the rare mineral tantalite. Niobium received its name from Niobe, the daughter of Tantalus, son of Zeus, chief God of the ancient Greeks.

The new magnet alloy requires a new kind of heat treatment which includes keeping the magnet at a temperature of about 600 C. for a considerable time. By a new process, developed by the English physicist Professor D.A. Oliver, the new alloy is heated and then cooled, in a magnetic field. The field must be applied in the direction in which it is ultimately intended to magnetize the material. The result is that the alloy can be more easily magnetized in that direction. The alloy is so hard that it is almost impossible to force, cut or drill it even before it has received the heat treatment and the usual method of manufacture is to cast the magnets as nearly as possible to shape and remove any rough parts, or reduce to exact dimensions by grinding. When small holes are required in the magnet, for instance, for fixing screws, the usual practice is to cast with a larger hole which can be filled with a soft alloy capable of being drilled.

New Techniques In Coal-Burning

2½ inches diameter piping was fixed to the bottom end of each distributing chute, and to it were welded four splayed finger bars. These cross bars relieved direct pressure on the coal in the stoker hoppers, and the splayed fingers in travelling from side to side of the hoppers secured the coal and kept it reasonably open. Water was sprayed on to the coal on entering the distribution chutes and saturated steam was introduced into the coal stream at a point about five feet from the bottom end of the chute. The amount of water added varies with the coal.

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Yet, though many visitors admired the famous John Harrison fourth-martine timekeeper which won a reward of £20,000 nearly 200 years ago and is still ticking, the show was stolen by the new magnetic device. It is not only delightfully simple but its inventor, Mr. C. F. Clifford declared, its commercial production is a good deal cheaper than that of the usual lever escapements of ordinary clocks.

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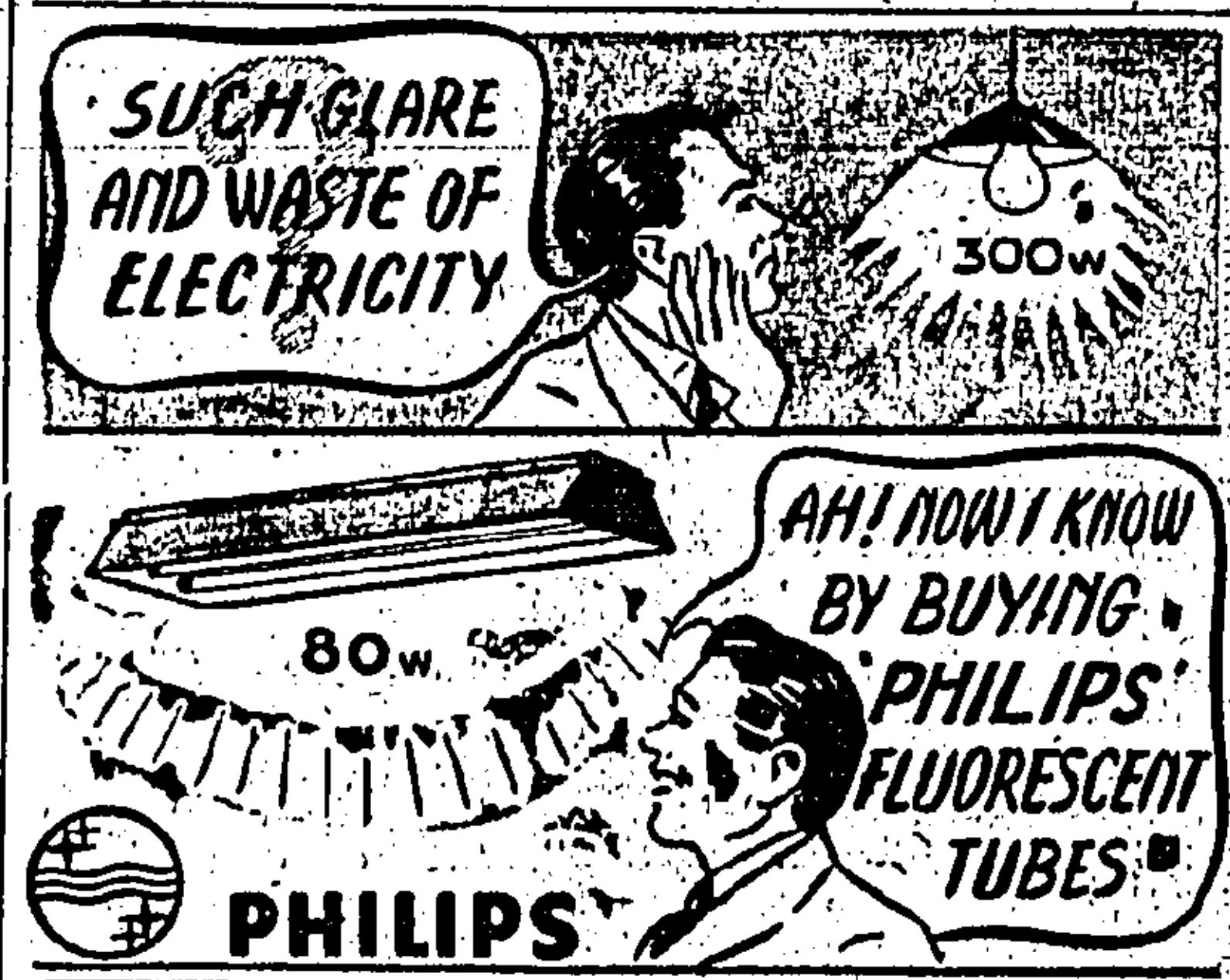
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Advance Naval Base At Manus

Canberra, February 8. The Navy Minister, William J. F. Riordan, said today that Australia is establishing her advanced naval base at Manus Island instead of Dwyer for strategic reasons. Manus will be a fueling base for Australian and Allied ships and a warning centre for approaching enemy ships or aircraft. United Press.

TALKS ON PALESTINE ARMISTICE

Beirut, February 9. Constantine Stavropoulos, Dr. Buncic's delegate, who arrived here Monday evening, talked with the Premier and Foreign Minister for two hours.

Although there is a new black out, it is believed that Stavropoulos brought the information required by Syria and the Lebanon concerning their invitation to Rhodes as decided at their Bhamoun meeting.

Well-Informed circles believe that the Lebanon insists on Jewish withdrawal from Lebanon territory before negotiating.

The results of the meeting were telephoned to the Syrian Premier, and Stavropoulos left for Damascus on Tuesday morning.

Lebanon has received cabled reports on the Arab states delegates meeting with the Egyptian Premier. It is believed that the conference reached no definite decision.—Associated Press.

London, February 8.

The Minister of Supply, Mr. G. R. Strauss, said in the House of Commons today that the following countries had so far received British jet planes: Argentina, France, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Holland, Canada, India and Switzerland.—United Press.

Pontiff Deeply Grieved: Indignation In Britain

London, February 8. Pope Pius XII is "deeply grieved" by the life sentence passed on Josef, Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, it was reported from the Vatican today.

In London, the Foreign Office is urgently considering the verdict. Several Members of Parliament are to ask questions in the House of Commons.

Mr. William Gallacher, Communist Member of Parliament, predicts that the Cardinal will be freed shortly. Sir David Maxwell-Fyfe, British prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crimes trials, says the Budapest trial was "a travesty of the methods of justice."

Mr. William Teeing, Conservative, is to ask the President of the Board of Trade if he will consider breaking off trade negotiations with Hungary.

Mr. Harry Pollitt, General Secretary of the Communist Party, commented that the trial "has undoubtedly established for all impartial opinion the accuracy of the charges and the justice of the sentence."

Mr. George Bernard Shaw, the playwright, said: "The question is a very difficult one. If the verdict is to be regarded as purely anticlericalism, it is indefensible. But the notion that priests and clerics should be exempted from the common law is equally indefensible."

Dutch Abhorrence

The Dutch Foreign Minister, Dr. D. U. Stikker, told the Second Chamber that his Government regards the Mindszenty case with "abhorrence," but can not only in accordance with present-day international custom.

If the Dutch Government takes any steps in the matter, foreign powers may wish to intervene in Dutch internal affairs, he added.

The Dutch non-Catholic press describes the trial as "well conducted." The Liberal Nieuwe

Rotterdamse Courant said: "The general trend was business-like but not unfriendly and one need not be a psychiatrist to see that the accused were in full possession of their faculties."

In Paris, Father Albert Gau, the popular Republican (Catholic) Deputy, who was refused permission to interview the Cardinal before the trial, told Reuter: "The verdict is an act of cowardice. They did not dare kill him."

Father Riquet, a preacher at Notre Dame Cathedral, who was once a prisoner in a German concentration camp, said the trial and its conclusion will "revolt every human conscience."

Had To Go

In Vienna, political circles said the Hungarian Government has succeeded in its aim of proving to East European Catholics that the Vatican is neither infallible nor omnipotent.

In Brussels, a spokesman for Cardinal Van Roey, Primate of Belgium, said Cardinal Mindszenty "had to disappear because he opposed the undertakings of a regime of tyranny."

In Bonn, Dr. Adenauer, the Catholic President of the West German Constituent Assembly, said "the pressure of Western democratic public opinion" had probably saved the Cardinal's life.

Herr Heinz Renner, a Communist Assembly member, said that if the Church had been as willing to work loyally with new regimes in Eastern Europe as it had been to conclude treaties with Hitler, "there would have been no Mindszenty case."

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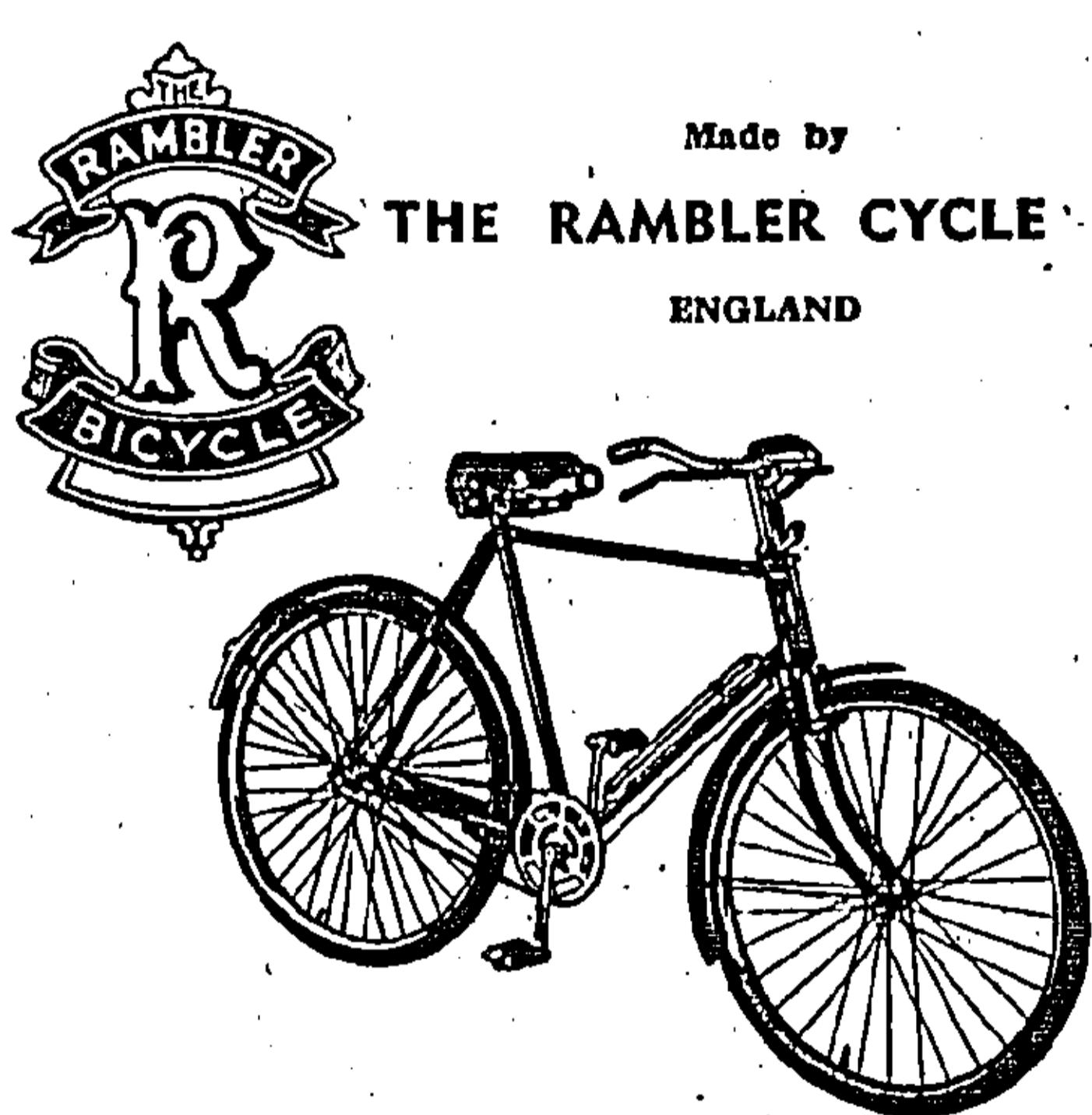
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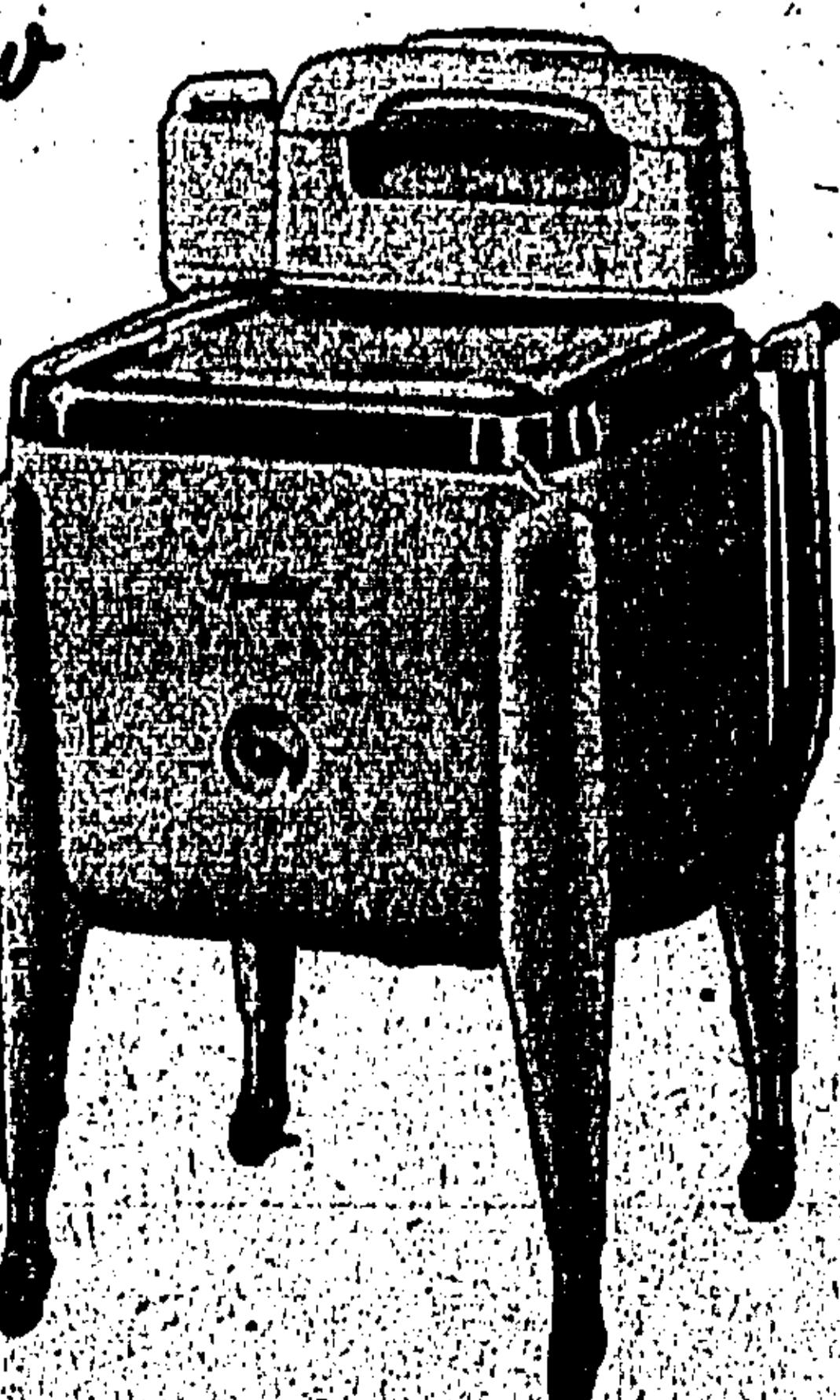


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CHURCH PROPERTY WON'T BE TOUCHED

Budapest, February 8. Church property owned by Cardinal Mindszenty as Archbishop of Esztergom and Primate of Hungary will not be touched by the State following his sentence to life imprisonment today. A spokesman of the Hungarian Ministry of Justice said this to Reuter.

Alleged To Have Spied Against West

Holddborg, February 8. A German woman accused of spying for Czechoslovakia will be tried on February 14 in the first spy trial in Germany since the war, the U.S. Army announced.

Army headquarters identify the woman as Elfriede Zirlk, 33, a Sudeten German who lived in Czechoslovakia before the war. She is the first to be tried of 20 persons arrested on November 2 as members of a Czechoslovakia spy ring.

They will be tried by a Military Commission of 10 U.S. Army officers and two American civilians authorized to assess the death penalty.

Elfriede Zirlk, who is said to have used "Lillian" as her cover name in her alleged spying activities, is accused of reporting political and military information to Czechoslovakia, an official Army headquarters said.

The U.S. Army said that the agents were assigned to gather 1. Military information about U.S. and British troops including the designation, location, strength and activities of troop units, activities and personnel of the U.S. counter-intelligence groups and official military documents.

2. Political information including the activities of refugee groups with Germany with special attention to individuals designated as "intelligence targets" who have sought political refuge in Germany.

3. Industrial information including the condition of harbours, reconstruction of certain industries and the volume and type of traffic on certain rivers.—Associated Press.

Minister's Denial

Budapest, February 8. The American Minister in Budapest, Mr. Selden Chaplin, this afternoon described the charges made against him during the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty as "nonsense and pure fantasy."

Mr. Chaplin told Reuters: "The verdict and proceedings are what could be expected. The implications concerning me in the court's final remarks, as well as the allegations during the proceedings, imply improper conduct on my part."

"The allegations are nonsense and pure fantasy."

During the trial the court held that Mr. Chaplin had had illegal dealings with Cardinal Mindszenty; had known of, and engaged in, the Royalist plot of which Cardinal Mindszenty is said to have been the leader; and had been given information of an espionage by Cardinal Mindszenty.

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DOCKYARD BRUSHES CASE

The case involving receiving stolen paint brushes, the property of the Royal Naval Dockyard, was concluded yesterday before Mr. Hin-shing Lo at Central when after a successful submission by Mr. M. A. da Silva, the three defendants were discharged.

The defendants were Cheung Shul, aged 20, shopkeeper of the Tung Sui Paint Shop, charged with receiving 196 paint brushes, valued at \$700; Loung Hung, aged 40, Manager of the Shing Kee Printing Shop, charged with receiving 218 brushes valued at \$900; and Liu Ping-lau, aged 20, shopkeeper of the Leung Shun Hong Firm, charged with receiving 76 brushes valued at \$300.

Loung Hung said that he paid \$1.00 for each brush and did not know they were stolen. When the Police visited his shop, the brushes were inside a show case and could easily be seen. Some of the brushes had already been sold.

Liu Ping-lau said that he paid \$1.00 for each brush. He bought the brushes for his own use.

In his submission, Mr. Silva said that it was the onus of the prosecution to prove the guilt of his clients. They had not done so.

The evidence of my clients was unchallenged and I ask that they be discharged," concluded Mr. Silva.

Mr. Lo ordered the brushes to be handed back to the Naval Authority.

Mr. Michael Stewart, Financial Secretary to the War Office, replied: "I cannot accept the statement that little progress is being

made by the security forces in Malaya. They have in fact had significant successes.

"British, Gurkha and Malay units operating in most difficult circumstances and living in very trying conditions, have in the past six months carried out in the most praiseworthy manner a large number of difficult and arduous operations in aid of the civil power.

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"Much of the support of the bandits has come by extortion and intimidation.

"One the other hand, support for an orderly life and Government authority increases every day. The Government's policy in Malaya is to obtain by a steady and continuing process an ever-increasing measure of responsibility by the people."—Reuter.

Their Finest Hour

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The reply came at about 11.30. The Cabinet said "Yes." I immediately took Ismay off with me in a car to M. Reynaud's flat. We found it more or less in darkness. After an interval M. Reynaud emerged from his bedroom in his dressing-gown and I told him the favourable news. Ten fighter squadrons! I then persuaded him to send for M. Daladier, who was duly summoned and brought to my flat to hear the decision of the British Cabinet. In this way I hoped to revive the spirits of our French friends, as much as our limited means allowed. Daladier never spoke a word. He rose slowly from his chair and wrung my hand.

This annoyed defendant who struck complainant one or two blows. An hour later, Chan collapsed and was admitted to Kowloon Hospital where he was detained for some days.

Defendant was not seen again until early this month when he went back to Lachikot to collect some of the money due to him. He was arrested by Mr. Everest, and handed over to the police.

Lau was fined \$100, or four weeks, and bound over in the sum of \$500 for a year, after Det. Insp. Dowman had stated that he bore a good character and had been employed in the Forestry Department since February 1946.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

DEFIATION SYMPTOMS MASKING
INFLATIONARY TREND IN U.S.?Hong Kong
Stock
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New York, February 8.

Going even beyond the academic views that the current deflationary symptoms have merely restored the equilibrium, some bankers are of the opinion that they are temporarily masking the continued inflationary trend.

To them it seems too early to say that inflation is past because, firstly, spendable funds are near the all-time peak.

Secondly, money is being easily and cheaply available. Fourthly, some important products are still scarce. Fifthly, rents, wages, freight continue to rise. Sixthly, farm products are supported at about the present prices. Seventy, record peace-time government spending.

They say that the present business readjustment, by stimulating efforts to support the boom, may actually aggravate inflation, especially by bigger Government spending.

Cotton, rayon and some other industries, which were dismantled last year, are now reviving. Textile have also revived since the New Year and British spending habits of the past 15 years make a buyer's strike unlikely.

Three million families want houses and the government is likely to provide the spending power by borrowing power to get them. Wages and other costs are still rising.

Not Good Measure

Liquid assets in the public's hands have been on the up-trend since 1940. Banks can replenish reserves at will by selling Government securities without loss. Many prices have fallen but others, including metals, and machinery may rise further.

Anway, the down-trend in prices is not inconsistent with inflation: from 1928 to 1929, prices were on the down-trend but Wall Street and real estate had a roaring boom.

While retailers are finding that price cuts greatly stimulate sales the price trend is not a good measure of the boom and inflation in other sectors.

Price Controls

Partly is unlikely to decline enough to reduce farm prices appreciably. Congressional action is likely to tend towards higher wages, more government subsidies and more public work, all of which would continue or accelerate the boom.

President Truman's requested price controls may not be granted if drafted, unused; and if used, ineffective.

With credit available and not being controlled, President Truman's threat to enforce a further expansion of steel and certain other industries could inflame the boom to an extent, that would stultify President Truman's anti-inflationary proposals.—Reuter.

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tons, ex-Saigon, J.A.L. Prester, K. Wh.

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HEINRICH JESSEN (R.M. & S.) ex-Saigon

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MANKATO VICTORY (A.P.L.) ex-U.S.A.

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Shipping Departures

YESTERDAY

CALTEX II (Cable) for Canton

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TIEN SHAN (CMSN) for Tsim Sha Tsui

TIEVEPAK (Mac Mac) for UK

AROUAN (Doddwell) ex-Vancouver

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GRETE MAERSK (Jensen) ex-New

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FAIRFIELD (Thoresen) for Canton 7 p.m.

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HAIYUAN (Jardine) for Sandakan

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